

MVAC MINUTES JUNE 13, 2007

The meeting was held on June 13, 2007 at Dept of Wildlife, Hunter Ed Bldg.
Art Hale started the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

In attendance: Barb Crawford – DOW, Ronni Hunter – GAMING, Kathy Baum – DOC, Michael Stadler – DOHE UNC, Carol Hoisington – CDOT, Bruce Burgess – DOHE Auraria, Representing Fleet – Art Hale, Ron Clatterbuck, Claudia Stevens.

Introductions were made around the room.

Rates – Ron

State Fleet rates for FY08 were sent out to all agencies on June 12, 2007. If you have any questions about the rates please contact Ron to discuss. There was an “overall” increase of 4.9% for the variable rates this year. The insurance rate on the variable was increased from 0.011 to 0.012. The management fee remained the same for all agencies. Class and body code descriptions were sent out to all agency fleet coordinators on June 15th, 2007 to assist them in identifying the types of vehicles included in each class code rate.

SB06-015 vehicles enrolled into the SFM program in the past year will continue to have pass through billing until enough data is collected to establish accurate rates per type of vehicle.

New Vehicles – Ron

Very Important: Please remember to have someone in your organization sign the registration on the new vehicle. The driver can sign it or a designated person in the department such as the fleet coordinator, but it has to be signed. This is a state law and tickets could be issued by law enforcement at agency expense. The registration for the new vehicle is in the vehicle packet.

Underutilization – Ron

The preliminary underutilization vehicle list was sent out to all fleet coordinators on May 31, 2007 with data through April. The final underutilization list will be run in mid July and sent out to all fleet coordinators for review and justification for vehicles that are not within 10% of the mileage requirement for each utilization code in two consecutive years. Agencies that cannot justify the underutilization of the vehicle(s) in question could be asked to turn in the vehicle(s).

Governors Executive Order: Greening of State Government – Art / Ron

One idea that was brought up at the meeting in order to comply with the Governors initiatives is that the MVAC and SFM should review the current vehicle utilization mileage requirements to ensure they are reasonable for the duties the vehicles have to perform in the field. It would not be responsible to just lower the mileage requirements just so agencies could keep vehicles, we need to make sure the vehicles are in fact needed and benefit the state. We also want to make sure agencies don't intentionally run unnecessary miles on vehicles just to meet the current mileage requirements.

The Governors initiatives are intended to reduce petroleum consumption 25% by June 30th, 2012 to reduce our dependence on foreign oil supplies and reduce green house gas emissions. By reducing miles driven wherever possible, purchasing alternative fueled vehicles and hybrid vehicles, and replacing older vehicles with newer more efficient vehicles will go a long way to accomplishing these goals. This is why State Fleet is pushing all the new tools to help up accomplish these initiatives such as: assisting with the build-out of the E85 infrastructure state-wide, installing devices like Smart Drive & Drive Cams, GPS navigation and fleet management tracking systems, encouraging the use of video and teleconferencing, using mass transit, use flex-work options, consolidation of state delivery routes, keeping tires inflated properly, having scheduled maintenance performed when due, keeping fleet apprised of any changes of vehicle functions, using ethanol and biodiesel in Flex Fuel Vehicles whenever possible, consider use of auxiliary power units and avoid all unnecessary idling, which are all activities that can really help the cause more than you might think.

By the end of the calendar year there will be approximately 50 E85 fuel stations and we are in the preliminary stages of partnership agreements with twenty political-sub alternative fuel stations statewide. To find these locations you can go the website: www.eere.energy.gov, under ethanol there is an "Alternate Fuel Station Locator" section. If anyone wants to have fleet contact a specific city or county, contact Art Hale and he will contact them to request consideration of establishing a fueling partnership with the state.

At the next MVAC meeting we would like all of you to give us some input on how your agency can reduce petroleum consumption because it will take a team effort to make this happen. Do some brainstorming and see what you come up with to reduce miles driven and fuel consumption.